

**Backache Is a Warning**

Thousands suffer kidney ills unawares—not knowing that the backache, headaches and dull, nervous, dizzy, all tired condition are often due to kidney weakness alone. Anybody who suffers constantly from backache should suspect the kidneys. Some irregularity of the secretions may give just the needed proof. Doan's Kidney Pills have been curing backache and sick kidneys for over fifty years.

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**Varied Program.**  
The women of a town down the state recently organized a literary club, and for a while everything was lovely.  
"Louise," asked the husband of one of the members upon her return home from one of the meetings, "what was the topic under discussion by the club this afternoon?"  
"Louise couldn't just remember at first. Finally, however, she exclaimed: 'Now I recollect! We discussed that brazen-looking hussy that's just moved in across the street and Nietzsche.'"

**His Question.**  
"Seven men out of every ten are confounded bores!" emphatically declared Alexander Akinside, the dyspeptic dissertationist.  
"Why except the other three?" snarled J. Fuller Gloom, the widely known and cordially detested misanthrope.—Judge.

**Unreasonable.**  
"Your board bill is two months in arrears, Mr. Hallroom. Can you give me something on account?"  
"Good heavens, woman! Do you suppose I'd stay here if I had money enough to pay for my board?"

The world seems all the brighter to lovers when the gas is turned low.

A man seldom gets it in the neck by keeping his mouth shut.

**OLDEST PIECE OF WRITING**

Sumerian Tablet in University of Pennsylvania Records Deeds of Babylonians.

A number of ancient Sumerian tablets, recording the deeds of the Babylonians thousands of years ago, have been deciphered by George A. Barton at the University of Pennsylvania museum. One of these tablets, which tells how a farmer rid his field of locusts and caterpillars, is dated 4,000 B. C. and is the oldest piece of writing extant, according to an announcement made by officials of the museum. The farmer, Doctor Barton's translation says, called in a necromancer, who "broke a jar, cut open a sacrifice, a word of cursing he repeated, and the locusts and caterpillars fled." For this service he received a tall palm tree.

That a canal was constructed in Babylonia nearly 5,000 years ago is shown by another tablet dated "The year the Divine Naram-Sin opened the mouth of the canal Erin at Nippur." Naram-Sin was a king in Babylonia and is supposed to have financed the construction of the waterway which gave Nippur transportation facilities with the rest of the world. A third tablet, dated 3200 B. C., records the transfer of land and a quantity of grain for bronze money. Gold and silver were known at that time, but were not used as currency.

**Always in the Making.**

In one of George MacDonald's books occurs this fragment of conversation: "I wonder why God made me," said Mrs. Faber, bitterly. "I'm sure I don't know what was the use of making me."

"Perhaps not much yet," replied Dorothy; "but then he hasn't done with you yet. He is making you now, and you don't like it."

It would give us more patience with ourselves if we always remembered this. We would not get so discouraged with our infirmities, imperfections and failures if we always kept in mind the fact that we are not yet made, that we are only in process of being made, that God is not yet through making us. —Rev. J. R. Miller, D.D.

**Work of Torpedoes.**

Torpedoes cost over \$5,000 each; consequently they are not discharged unless there is a fair chance of hitting the object aimed at. So far the vessels hit by torpedoes have been stationary or only moving slowly; but it is probable that as the crews of submarines become more expert they will be able to hit a warship occasionally when she is moving at a high speed.

**Novelty.**

"Were you in the Easter parade?"  
"No," replied Mr. Meekton. "I stood off and looked on. I kind of enjoyed seeing Henrietta engaged in a hike that didn't look like some kind of a political procession."

A contented, willing laborer is worth 50 per cent more than a dissatisfied, compulsory worker.

Of course marriage is a failure if the liabilities exceed the assets.

**POPULARITY OF BASE BALL**

Base ball has grown to gigantic proportions within the last decade and the scientific work of the teams has been the delight of millions of spectators. There are so many things to admire in the game that it is impossible to describe them. Outdoor exercise is one of Nature's best aids in promoting health and strength and keeping the blood rich and pure; but, perhaps you are one of the many who are denied this privilege. You lead a sedentary life which always has a tendency to make the liver lazy, the bowels clogged and digestion poor. Oftentimes you are nervous, sleepless, have no appetite and feel run down.

Under these conditions you will greatly appreciate the assistance to be derived from a trial of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It helps Nature by toning and strengthening the Stomach, Liver and Bowels, and with these organs in a normal condition your system is well fortified against an attack of Sick Headache, Heartburn, Indigestion, Cramps, Constipation, Biliousness or Malaria, Fever or Ague.

Always take good care of your health and you will be well repaid, while carelessness only brings suffering and distress. Let Hostetter's Stomach Bitters help you to maintain your health.

**New Kind of Sport.**

He had taken a day off to go fishing, but, alas! his luck had been very bad, and when, on his way home, a fishmonger's shop came into view he was tempted and fell.

"I want half a dozen large trout," he told the man.

"Yes, certainly, sir," said the other, masking a number one size grin with a correspondingly large hand. "Will you take them with you?"

"Yes, please. And I want you to stand over there and throw them at me."

"Throw them, sir?" echoed the bewildered shopkeeper.

"Exactly! My wife is sure to ask me if I caught them, and I cannot tell a lie."

**The Battles of Peace.**

There are difficulties and dangers before our nation today just as great as any our forefathers faced. To meet and conquer them requires all the moral brawn and muscle this nation can muster. There are the problems of corruption in business and politics; the terrible scourges of intemperance and the drug habit, and the social evil, deadly to soul and body alike; there are the problems of moral education, of marriage and divorce, of the treatment of dependents—prisoners, defectives, paupers, etc. Any one of these left unconquered would devastate our country as no war could.—Rev. N. T. Houser.

**Rotation.**

"Are you going to have a garden this year?"

"No," replied Mr. Growcher. "It isn't my turn to make a garden. I'm going to keep chickens this year and let my neighbor make the garden."

Talk less and think more. That is easy advice to give, but uneasy to take.

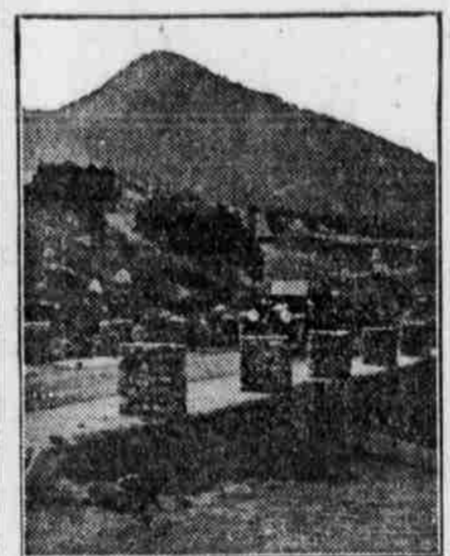
"Pleased to meet you" is one thing a man never says to a sight draft.

**ROAD BUILDING****IMPETUS TO ROAD BUILDING**

Secret of Maintaining Country Highway Lies in Keeping It Well Rounded Up and Drained.

Over a good road, we can haul products to market at any season of the year and get full benefit of the highest prices. It is a simple matter to build a good country road, as it is not absolutely necessary that it should be built of gravel or crushed stone. The secret of the maintaining of the country road lies in keeping it well rounded up and sufficiently drained, by arranging it so that the road is about a foot higher in the middle than it is at the edges.

A good dirt road well maintained is not an expensive proposition, writes Eugene J. Hall of Oak Park, Ill., in Farmers' Review. Shortly after every heavy rainfall it should be dragged with a split-log drag. This will fill all of the ruts and depressions and produce a smooth surface well rounded up in the middle of the highway. After being rounded up with a split-log drag, the roads are made firm



**Convict-Built Bridge in Colorado—Stones Were Taken From Nearby Hills and Result Is Ornamental as Well as Economical.**

and solid by means of a heavy roller or system of rollers. This will leave a firm, solid roadbed which will not be seriously injured by heavy traffic.

This system of road building is being followed in many parts of the West with splendid success. When ruts and holes are formed in a road, the jolt and jar of the wheel makes them deeper and forms a pocket for holding water from the first rainfall. This softens the roadbed and deep mud holes are soon formed, while if there had been no ruts or depressions there and the road had been well rounded up, the water would have run off into the ditches on either side, and the surface of the road would be firm and in perfect condition.

Another good thing worthy of careful consideration in the building of our good country roads is that of the construction of permanent and lasting culverts. Culverts built of stone or concrete cost more than wooden bridges, but they will last a hundred years, and they will not rust or need repainting every year, as iron truss bridges do. In the end, they are the most economical kind of viaducts.

The advent of the automobile and its employment by the more prosperous class of farmers has given a great impetus to road building, too; and the time is coming when we will have more and more good roads in the middle West.

**ADVANTAGES OF GOOD ROADS**

No Factor Contributes More to Prosperity and Happiness of the Rural Communities.

The convention of the Virginia Road Builders' association draws attention to a subject of prime importance to the people of this state. Scarcely any single factor contributes more to the prosperity and happiness of rural communities than good roads, says the Richmond Dispatch. Good roads mean easy and quick communication, economy in transporting farm products to railway or market, convenient access to the outside world, and a higher average of citizenship, wherever they are found. Virginia has done much of recent years to make its highways measurably equal to those of most other southern states, but much remains to be done. The people as a whole must be educated to a proper understanding of the economic and sociological benefits that good roads confer.

**Interest in Dragging Roads.**

The neighborhood where every farmer takes an interest in dragging the roads will soon find itself pulling out of the mire.

**Alfalfa More Popular.**

Everywhere alfalfa is used it is becoming more and more popular. The better it is known the more it is grown.

**Self-Feeder Not Good.**

The self-feeder is not good for young pigs, as under five months of age they will eat too much.

**System to Avoid.**

Local control has failed to give us a good road system. Let us not go back to it.

**Graduating Gown of Embroidered Voile**

That very graceful garment, the long tunic, which appeared and took the world of fashion by storm late last summer, is with us again. Sometimes it is an overdress as long as the underskirt, but often it hardly differs at all from the tunic of last season. The skirt under it has grown wider, although it is often considerably narrower than the tunic. But it may be equally wide, and in either case is good style.

One need only to examine the gown of embroidered voile shown here to appreciate the charming outlines of the tunic skirt and to realize that a gown put together on such good lines is something more than merely fashionable. The style is so pleasing that it has lasting qualities. The bodice is cut on simple and graceful lines also. This is a model that might be safely chosen for a gown of handsome lace, with the expectation that little change need be made in it from season to season.

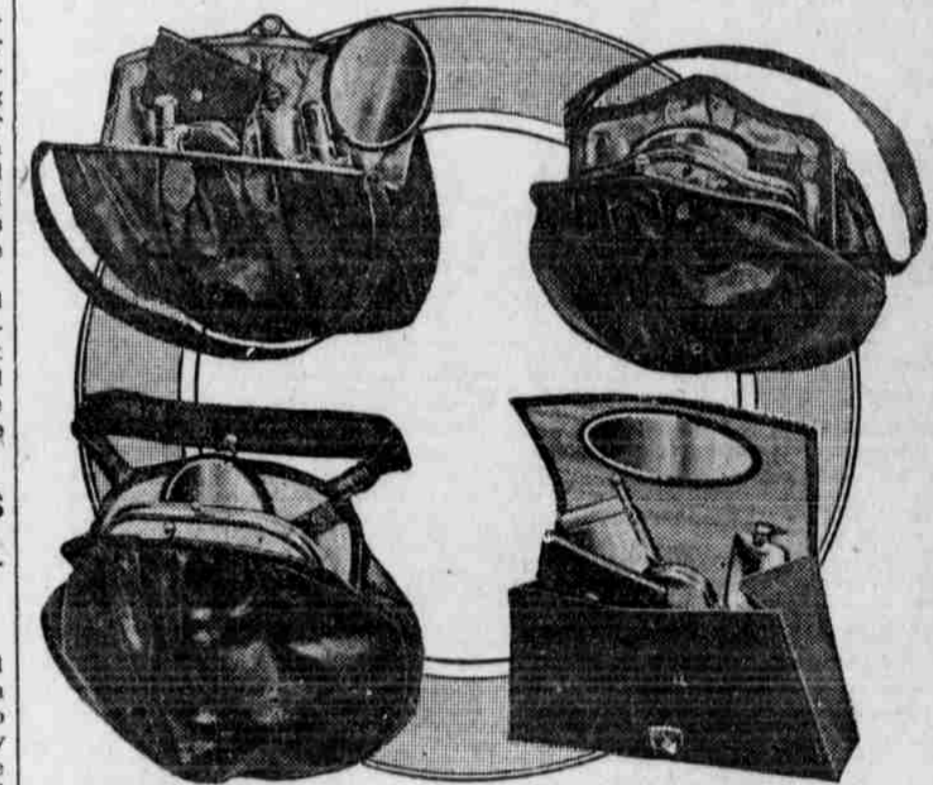
But the model as pictured is made of plain and machine-embroidered voile, not at all expensive. It is washable, durable, and a beautiful fabric. It can

be bought in narrow or wide widths, and with embroidery in colors, as well as white, on a white ground. Voile is manufactured in an endless variety of embroidered patterns.

The underskirt, in the dress pictured, is fitted about the hips and cut with a moderate flare. It is finished with a three-inch hem. The tunic is fitted to the figure by means of tucks, graduated in length and extending below the hips. They are shorter at the front. The tunic dips a trifle at the front, and this slight dip is repeated in the bodice.

The bodice is cut like a plain blouse, with the fullness gathered in at the bottom and confined under a girdle made of the embroidered scallops. It fits the figure vaguely like a short jacket. The neck is finished with a turnover collar of lace, and the same lace is used for the puffs and frills about the sleeves.

A silk scarf finishes the dressing of the neck. This design is one that seems as well suited to the matron as to the maid, and nothing prettier can be found for graduation gowns or for the useful white dress for midsummer.

**The Up-to-Date Shopping Bag**

The best values that have been shown in shopping bags within the memory of the oldest shopper are to be found in the leather goods departments just now. These bags are shown in many shapes, (most of them practical) and in medium sizes. Pin seal and morocco are the most popular leather, although there are other varieties to choose from. Black continues to be the favorite color, with tans and browns next in importance, and a few dark blues, greens, purples and reds for those who wish a bag to match a suit or some dress accessory in color.

Four bags of pin seal are shown here in black. Two of them are supplied with very complete fittings. They are soft, and the leather in three of them is gathered on to the frame, so that they are more roomy than their size would indicate.

The bag at the upper left-hand corner is to be recommended to the tourist. It contains a good sized flat hand mirror fastened to the frame by a bit of strong ribbon, and a small coin purse. In little pockets made in the lining there are a small face powder box (with tiny puff), a scent bottle, a case with nail file, and a tube which may carry a day's supply of cleansing cream. Even this ample fitting is exceeded in some bags that carry a card case and very small pair of scissors besides.

The bag shown at the lower right-

hand corner will commend itself to the shopper or the traveler: who wishes to take a few notes by the way. It has an oval mirror, set in the flap, a change purse, powder box, scent bottle and notebook, with pencil attached, each slipping into its own particular pocket and easy to get at.

Instead of these fittings the remaining two bags are provided with only a mirror and coin purse. But a separate compartment assures a place for such fittings as the wearer may choose to provide for herself.

Linings are made of strong moire silk usually, but gayly flowered silks and satins, in durable weaves, add a charm to these already charming shopping bags.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

**Simplicity in Skirts.**

According to the Dry Goods Economist in the simple tailored suits the skirts are made very plain, with more or less flare around the hem. This is introduced both in the gored and in the semicircular models. A few skirts, however, are shirred on at the waist line. Some plaited skirts are also included in the orders.

In the dressy suits the skirts are usually made on similar lines, the plaited effects particularly being popular. In some instances these dressy skirts are finished off at the bottom with cordings, tucks, bias folds of the material, silk braid or velvet ribbon.

**Are You Doing the Thinking?**

In office, store or factory, the man who has the clear brain for quick, accurate thinking generally draws the big salary.

Nowadays, with competition keen, any man or woman headed for success must avoid the handicap of heavy, indigestible food, and select the nourishing, easily digestible kind which makes for body vigor and clear thinking.

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